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INDIANA BULLETIN NO. 440-8-2

SUBJECT: PGM- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification for Fiscal Year 2008 Program

Contracts

<u>Purpose</u>: To alert Field Offices of new guidance on the handling of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) certifications for Farm Bill programs and to rescind the guidance previously issued by National Bulletin 440-8-4 (dated October 31, 2007).

Expiration Date: September 30, 2008

<u>Background:</u> Both the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and NRCS recently issued national guidance dealing with processing AGI certification for the 2008 crop year. Even though the AGI authority was believed to have expired on September 30, 2007, the authority has been extended through the continuing resolution covering current program operations. Under Public Law 110-92, Section 116, the Secretary is authorized to continue the administration of the AGI provision through December 14, 2007.

The attached FSA Notice PL-168 (dated 11/19/07) directs county offices to continue AGI servicing actions. All new program applicants must file form CCC-526—Adjusted Gross Income Certification before being approved for a 2008 contract or being added to a prior-year contract. Changes to the internal controls in ProTracts have been made to fully restore this recently suspended requirement.

A 2008 AGI certification must be filed before an application can be moved to approved or obligated. Any applications that have already been obligated into contracts will have to have the 2008 AGI certification completed before any payments can be made.

Please work with FSA and participants to ensure that AGI certification is entered before processing additional 2008 applications or payments on 2008 contracts.

If you have questions on AGI certification, contact Jim Dunaway at 317-290-2300, ext. 334, or Harold Thompson at ext. 320.

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